

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 12 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,076,030 to Rowe. The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 14 and 8-16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Published Patent Application 2003/0014171 to Ma, et al. Further the Examiner has rejected claims 5-7 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma, et al. in view of US Published Patent Application 2002/0059075 to Schick et al. Claims 1 and 12 have now been amended with the subject matter of claim 10 relating to the fact that the memory is physically located on the attached implement so that the stored information about the implement is available even if the implement is sold or attached to a different machine. While the Examiner has rejected claim 10 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ma, et al. it is submitted that Ma, et al. does not disclose a system wherein the memory is located on the attached implement. In the passage of Ma, et al. cited by the Examiner, page 3, paragraph 0034 reference is made to a "on-board memory" however it is submitted that the memory of Ma et al., while "on-board" the vehicle, is not on the attached implement i.e. header.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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